

25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

MINUTES OF TWELFTH MEETING OF OSO/OPC COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

The regular meeting of the OSO/OPC Communications Board was held at 2 PM, 28 March 1950. Present were:

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Item I. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Item II.

The area study for alternate sites in the Far East was presented by COMMO. From preliminary study, it would seem that [] offers the most desirable alternate site. It was suggested that [] approach the Department of State to determine what the [] reaction would be to a request for rights to set up a base station. It was however decided to continue preparations to present the request to the [] and to this end, CIA is to draft an answer to [] latest cable requesting information, among other things, about the size of the proposed base under [] in line with the present [] agreement with the COMMO is to check with [] here to find out what this present agreement involves and also what is the status of [] request for a []

Item III.

Nothing new was brought up and this item was carried over to the next meeting.

Item IV. Overseas Communications Plan for CIA:

This item was carried over to the next meeting.

Item V. Distribution of cables:

Revised cable distribution procedures are being completed by both OSO and OPC and coordinated by all concerned. A few points still not agreed upon were discussed. In particular, the matter of notification to the Signal Center of internal OPC distribution of J cables, the use of indicator M for OPC sensitive matters, and the right to authorize the use of alternate channels of communications seemed to be in need of further consideration. It was agreed that the papers would contain an initial section of general information and definitions which would be common to both OSO and OPC, and then a more detailed section on the internal mechanics particular to OSO and to OPC. Final drafts of the procedures are to be presented at the next meeting.

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Item VI. []

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It was reported that the tests on the [] link will go into operation on 31 March. The [] deal is not expected to be approved by the [] but this will not affect the basic operation of the link.

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Item VII. []

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An area report for alternate sites is being prepared and will be completed for the next meeting. It is understood that [] is re-negotiating its present agreement with [] for communications facilities [] and is encountering some difficulty in this respect.

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Item VIII. SOP for Agent Equipment Issuance:

This matter has not as yet been formalized but it was generally agreed that the OSO/OPC Communications Board should have as part of its responsibility the determining of quantities of equipment to be procured in order to meet current requirements and maintain a minimum reserve stockpile, and also should have some control over issuance of equipment in large quantities in order to determine priorities.

It was determined from present figures that COMMO can meet OPC agent equipment needs without jeopardizing OSO requirements.

Item IX. New business:

The OPC Commo Support Plan - [] - was discussed and OPC is to bring it up to date so that COMMO implementation of this plan will be in line with present operational thinking.

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The meeting adjourned at 3:50 PM.